



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
 United States Patent and Trademark Office
 Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
 www.uspto.gov

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
09/868,098	Beate Diefenbach	MERCK 2251

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/EP99/09842

I.A. FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE
------------------	---------------

12/11/1999

23599

MILLEN, WHITE, ZELANO & BRANIGAN, P.C.
 2200 CLARENDON BLVD.
 SUITE 1400
 ARLINGTON, VA 22201

CONFIRMATION NO. 5446

371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER



OC000000016291160

Date Mailed: 06/30/2005

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

06/14/2001

DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and
 (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

06/11/2002

DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371
 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Original Specification filed on 06/14/2001
- Claims filed on 06/14/2001
- Oath or Declaration filed on 06/14/2001
- Initial Application Filing Fees filed on 06/14/2001
- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/14/2001
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/14/2001
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 10/23/2003
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/14/2001
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 08/15/2001
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette filed on 12/13/2004
- Oath or Declaration filed on 06/14/2001

- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 08/24/2004
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 06/14/2001
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/14/2001

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

MAMIE P PERSON

Telephone: (703) 308-9140 EXT 227

PART 3 - OFFICE COPY

FORM PCT/DO/EO/903 (371 Acceptance Notice)